

Five Traditional End-of-School Activities to Ring Down the Curtain on '54

Baccalaureate And Reception Sunday, May 30

Rev. E. Weldon Keckley, minister of the First Community Church of Joplin, will give the baccalaureate sermon at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 30 in the main auditorium.

Rev. Keckley came to Joplin from Kansas City, Missouri, in September, 1953. He attended Bethany College in Virginia, Yale University, and Washington University.

Rabbi Charles Latz will give the invocation and the benediction at baccalaureate. The Rev. Arthur Depew will read the scripture.

Sophomore Reception

The faculty reception for sophomores and their families will be held in the College library immediately after baccalaureate. Invitations were mailed this week. Miss Edna Drummond, chairman of the faculty social committee, is in charge of arrangements.

Class Day, May 19

The traditional class day exercises are to be presented at the assembly hour next Wednesday, May 19. Ronald Richter, sophomore class president, has appointed Robert Capps, John Braeckel, Rosemary Mense, and Michael Roth to plan the program.

Representatives Of Eta Chi Chapter Phi Theta Kappa Go to National

Howard Hartley, president of Phi Theta Kappa, and two of the 1954 initiates, Eleanor Damer and Joan Dew, were delegates to the National Phi Theta Kappa Convention April 22 to 24 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The convention began with the registration of all delegates at 3:00 p.m. Thursday and ended with a picnic on the Little Rock Junior College campus at noon Saturday.

Headquarters for the convention was the Marion Hotel, located across the street from the restored first Capitol of the State of Arkansas. Delegates went on conducted tours through the Statehouse and Territorial Restoration buildings, which are sites of the territorial legislative houses, businesses, and homes of the original city of Little Rock. The tour ended at the Governor's mansion where members met Mrs. Cherry and enjoyed a coke party.

The work of the convention was carried on in business sessions and workshops. According to the J. J. C. delegates, the outstanding development of the convention was adoption of a national study program which is to be conducted by every chapter of Phi Theta Kappa in 1954-55, and, if successful, during every following year. The basic idea is for each chapter to gather as much information as possible on some topic of national or international importance, after which a report will be sent to national headquarters and the findings mailed to other students all over the United States.

Entertainment included a smorgasbord Tuesday evening, a banquet and formal ball Friday evening, and the picnic Saturday morning.



Rev. E. Weldon Keckley

School Outing, May 28

The Student Senate has set Friday, May 28 as the date for the all-school picnic at Roaring River. Three committees are working out details. They are headed by Joan Moon, foods; Patty Gray, publicity; and Suzanne Ranum, transportation.

Sixty-Seven Will Graduate Monday, May 31

Mr. H. Pat Wardlow, Assistant Commissioner of Education and Director of Vocational Education in the State Department of Education, will give the commencement address. Exercises are to be held at 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 31, in the college auditorium.

Dr. Otto C. Seymour will give the invocation. Presentation of the class will be by Dean Maurice L. Litton. Mr. Roi S. Wood, president of the College, will confer the degrees, and Mrs. Reba Blanke, president of the Board of Education, will present the diplomas. Rev. Edwin Michael will pronounce the benediction.

A tentative list of graduates includes: William Russell Baum, Robert Lee Bealmeir, Mary Jonell



H. Pat Wardlow

Beeler, John Allard Braeckel, Jack George Brannan, Jimmy Lyman Brown, James Melvin Brown, Robert Wayne Capps, Winston Wayne Carter, Albert Lee Chapman, Carol Lou Clark, Jeannine Ann Coffee, Bobby Joe Cox, Sanford Wayne Crampton, Ralph Boyd Crandall, Jr., Leta Frances Cullers, Mildred Charlene Dale,



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Twelve Chart Members Win Awards at State Meeting of Missouri College Newspaper Association

Fourteen excellent ratings including two Best Division acknowledgements were awarded to Joplin Junior College students at the annual Missouri College Newspaper Association meeting April 30 in Columbia, Missouri. The meeting was held in conjunction with the forty-fifth annual Journalism Week observance at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Jimmy Harron received two excellent ratings and the Gold Key for the Best Photograph in the division. Alan Bates received the Gold Key for the Best Cartoon.

Others receiving excellent ratings and certificates of merit were Marion Smith, Rosemary Mense (two awards), and Jimmy Johnson in Best Editorial division; Jack Brannan (two awards), Joan Dew (two awards) and Rosemary Mense in Best Special

Column division; Joan Dew in Best Feature division; and Marion Smith in Best Newspaper Verse division.

The Chart members receiving superior ratings (Rank II) included: Bob Cox and Jimmy Harron in Photograph division; Rosemary Mense and Joan Dew in Editorial division; Jack Brannan (two awards) in Sports Story division; Joan Dew and Jo Steele in Newspaper Verse division; Jean Balls in Cartoon division; Paul Wetzel (two awards) in Advertisement division; and Charles Garde and Rosemary Mense in News Story division.

Rank III ratings (Good) were received by Ed Showalter in Special Column division; Jack Brannan in Sports Story division; Paul

Wetzel in Advertisement division; Joan Dew (two awards) in Feature division; Joan Dew in News Story division; and Rosemary Mense in Newspaper Verse division.

The Chart made individual entries only and did not submit entries for the overall newspaper competition.

M. L. C. Entertains in French and Spanish

Students attending the Modern Language Club assembly Wednesday, May 12, saw two foreign language plays.

"Par un Jour de Pluvie," or "On a Rainy Day," was the French play. The cast included: Woody Wilson as Raoul; Ruth McKenney, Blanche; Bill Nickell, Gortran; Kay Roland, Adele; and Patty Gray, Josephine.

The Spanish play, "Uno de Ellos Debe Casarse," or "One Ought

to Get Married," had for its cast: Joan Furner as Tia Maria; Rafael Rodriguez, Juan Ruiz, Woody Wilson, Diego Ruiz; and Carol Clark, Luisa.

Between the plays, Ruth McKenney and Kay Roland each sang a solo in French, and Patty Gray presented a Rhumba.

Woody Wilson directed both plays. Mrs. Lillian Spangler, language instructor, sponsors the Club.

Tia Maria Convinces Raoul One Must Get Married



Honor Fraternity Delegates Plan Trip to Little Rock



Dr. Stevens to Head Alumni Association

Dr. Jimmy Stevens was elected president of the Joplin Junior College Alumni Association at the annual student-alumni banquet Friday night, May 8, at the Woman's Club. He succeeds Elroy Thomas.

Other officers elected for 1954-55 were Dr. Thomas Hill of Webb City, vice-president; Imogene Dymott, secretary-treasurer, and Mary Margaret Berrian, Shirley Cochran, and Ed Farmer, board members. Jack Holden, retiring vice-president, was chairman of the nominating committee.

Item X for Class of 1954

With graduation on the agenda this month, the members of *The Chart* staff are grateful indeed for the opportunity to extend their sincere best wishes for success, happiness, and personal achievement to the members of the '54 graduating class.

It appears we have been released from the interim of inquiring, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Nevertheless, after outlining a mature revision of this adolescent inquiry, we have discovered that among the '53-'54 class are potential doctors, engineers, journalists, lawyers, technicians, chemists, accountants, teachers, etc. Naturally, we hope these ambitions will materialize, but we hope more fervently that this year's graduates will contribute an even greater factor to the society which they are about to invade.

We shall call this factor Item X, as we are relatively hazy concerning its positive attributes. We can say, however, that a collective portion of Item X might, perhaps, be the result of calculated propaganda to the effect that Earth is being invaded by men from Mars, Venus, Jupiter, the Sun, the Moon, or whatever planet, star or satellite the propagandists feel would be most fitting for the occasion.

As one can readily see, the effect of such a splendid array of propaganda would cause a tightly-knit unity between all nations of the world in defense against one common enemy. The resulting unity, not ridiculous propaganda, is part of our Item X Program. One must agree, however, that action as extreme as our suggested propaganda might well be the last resort used in attempting world peace.

Item X then, as concerns the individual, would assume a basic sentiment or philosophy proclaiming the most vital goal on earth to be the attainment of world peace for the satisfaction of God and the benefit of mankind.

If it is necessary to use comic book and science fiction excerpts to accomplish this purpose, then we sincerely hope that "Space-Cadet" becomes a household word throughout both hemispheres and that Item X will be well represented in the J. J. C. auditorium May 31.

Study of Botany Offers Much for All-Around Living

I climbed the north stairs to the third floor, turned to my right, and stopped before the door of a room numbered 310. I had only been in this room two times, and Miss Edna Drummond was one of the few teachers that I had not learned to know and admire very much at J.J.C.

When I walked in, Miss Drummond was talking about the "integrated relationship" between plant life and animal life and how absolutely dependent people are upon plants for their very life and breathing. She was explaining that without plants and nitrogen-fixing bacteria it would be impossible for us to live, because people would soon use up the oxygen in the air. Plants, she said, release the oxygen from carbon dioxide and thus guarantee the supply of oxygen.

I began to see that if one did not have an interest in botany when he entered class, he would soon acquire a fascination for it,

not only through studying the subject itself, but also from just listening to Miss Drummond speak of her interest in it.

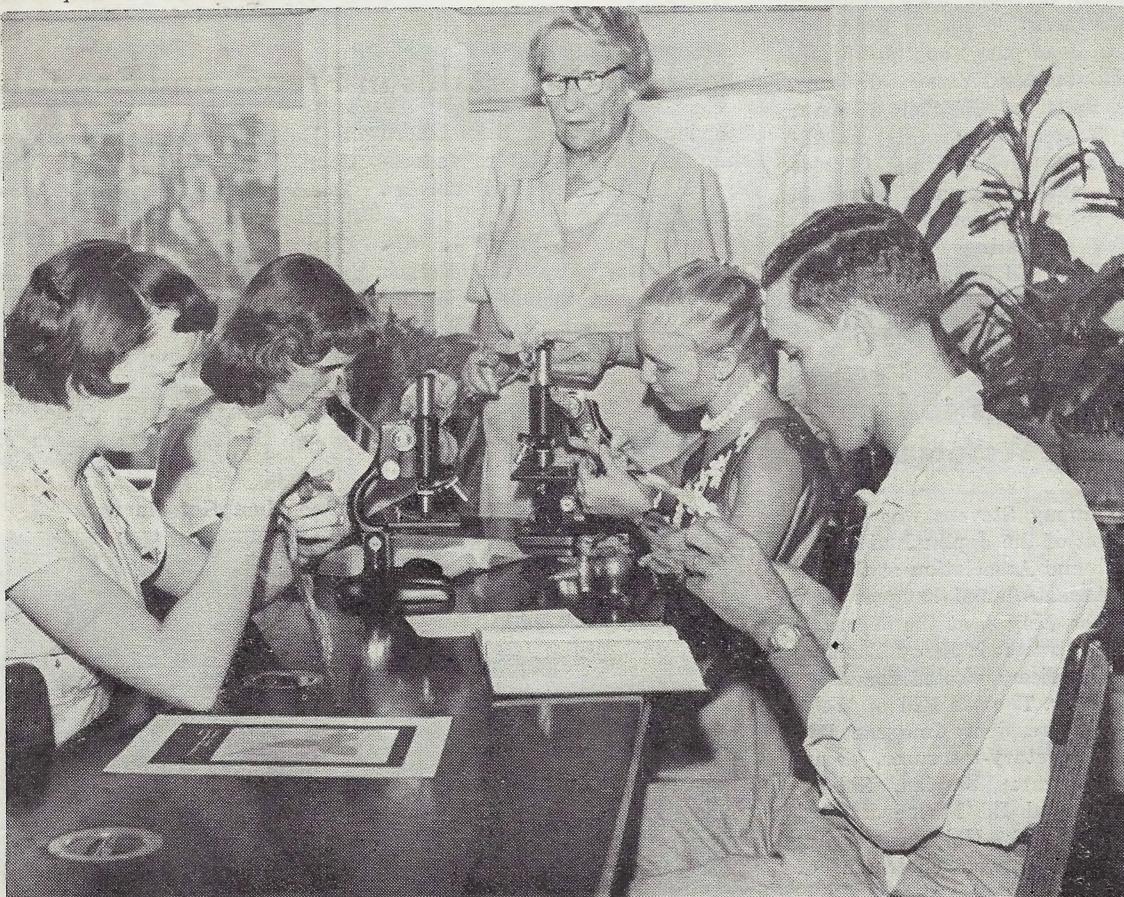
During one of my visits, the students were working on their collections of wild flowers from this region. Each flower, I learned, has two names: a family name and a technical name plus the common name we give it. I watched students tear apart a plant I know as the buttercup, and, after examining its parts very carefully under a microscope, they listed it as the "Ranunculaceae," which is the family name, and wrote after that "Ranunculus fasicularis," its technical name. I also found that the real name of the dogwood is the "Cornus florida," and that its family name is "Cornaceae."

In Botany, I observed a certain spirit of democracy. One student had found an unfamiliar flower and brought it to class for study but he also had brought one for

each member of the class to study.

I noticed boxes sitting around with one flower and a lot of dirt in them. When I asked why all that dirt with one flower, Miss Drummond explained to me that to study a flower thoroughly, one must have the roots of the plant too. Then she told me that at the beginning of the semester, she received almost enough dirt with the roots to plant a whole garden on the classroom floor. Miss Drummond emphasized that students bring in the roots of only one flower of a species, leaving the roots of the others intact, for otherwise there would soon be no flowers left growing.

Just during my short visitation of the class, I learned a greater appreciation of the importance of these plants and flowers that we so take for granted. In fact, I came away wishing that I had taken Botany!



Joplin Junior College Final Examination Schedule May 24 - 27

Monday—11:00 classes—5 hour classes, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—3 hour classes 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.—2 hour classes 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Monday—2:00 classes—5 hour classes, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00—3 hour classes, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—2 hour classes, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday—10:00 classes—All classes, 8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Tuesday—1:00 classes—5 hour classes, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—3 hour classes, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—2 hour classes 3:00 p.m.

to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday—9:00 classes—5 hour classes, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—3 hour classes, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.—2 hour classes 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Wednesday—3:00 classes—All classes, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday—8:00 classes—5 hour classes, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—3 hour classes, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.—2 hour classes 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

NO SCHOOL THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 27.

Thanks

The Chart staff realizes that the school newspaper could never have been published without the aid of many people. The people who make the news, the faculty and the members of the various organizations, have been most helpful in giving us tips throughout the year. We do appreciate your cooperation.

We are particularly grateful to the *Joplin Globe* for free engravings. Since pictures are quite expensive, we would have been unable to use so many in *The Chart* had it not been for this service.

More Commercial Students Hurdle Qualifying Tests

All shorthand students who took the Business Entrance tests given by the National Office Managers' Association on April 22 passed. Those taking the shorthand test were Marilyn Lewis, whose paper was considered best, Myrtle Connor, Marian Ladd, Pat Jacobs, and Daisy Snow.

Six students passed the bookkeeping test. Those taking this test were Marian Ladd, whose paper was considered best, Howard Hogan, Morris Hunt, Pat Jacobs, Norma Terry, and Shirley Nevitt.

During the month of April two girls passed qualifying Gregg shorthand tests. Pat Jacobs passed the 120 words per minute certificate test and will receive a gold pin. This means that Pat took 600 words in 5 minutes and transcribed them with less than 30 errors. Daisy Snow passed her 100 words per minute certificate test and qualified for a silver pin. Daisy took 500 words in the 5 minute time limit and transcribed them with less than 25 errors. Evelyn Rodarme passed her 100 word test the first of May.

Report Reveals Funeral Business To Be Dying Off

By I. Dugit Up

The funeral business is very dead anymore.

What with the introduction of new medicines and advanced scientific research lengthening the life span of the average man each year, undertakers are finding it rather hard to make ends meet. In fact, they're beginning to get that "let down" feeling themselves.

Four score years ago, the undertaker was a thriving individual. Anyone who was fortunate to establish himself as a mortician in a wild Western town could truly make a killing in no time at all. With outlaw gunslingers shooting men, women and children right and left, a mortician nearly had to run himself to death to keep up with it all.

People died of less serious things then, too. Not having been brought up on orange juice, milk, and cod liver oil, those hardy Westerners weren't really hardy at all—just hardly hardy. Many more persons died of simple colds and diseases in those days than they do now, so the early undertakers actually had flourishing businesses.

Today, people that wind up in a mortuary (a recent poll revealed that a surprisingly high number do) usually are staggered, if not actually frozen stiff, by the high prices of a funeral.

However, these high prices have set our economists wondering. What is the reason behind the high cost of caskets, funeral coaches and mortuary chapels?

Diggin Urgrave, expert on dying stocks, offered this solution to the problem: Undertakers now have to charge more for their services because fewer people are dying.

Let U. Down, a local mortician, said that the only way to bring prices of funerals down is for more people to die. "A very simple solution," Down said, "but it's surprising the number of people who scoff at it."

Since nothing, not even a government appropriation, seems to be in sight to relieve this drastic situation, people throughout the nation will just have to face it along with the other inflationary movements. As I. M. Shoveling once said: "If you're wealthy enough to die, you're wealthy enough to be buried."

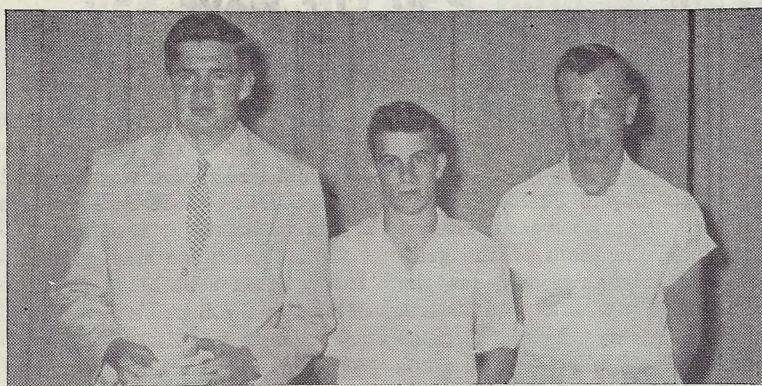
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Seneca, Diamond, and Carterville Students Win Winners



Galen Harrison, Walter Smith and Bill Mills

Granby Contestants



Mark Senter, Mary Sue Berner, Helen Brower and Vern Fitzgerald, winner.

Government Students Index City Charter

Mr. Arnold Irwin and twenty-nine state government students began compiling an index for the new charter of the City of Joplin Tuesday, April 27.

These volunteer workers are giving their time and efforts as a public service. Mr. Irwin, who is guiding the group, stated: "No book is better than its index; no charter is better than its index. Attorneys, city and state officials, and Joplin citizens will use the index so it must be done respectively well."

Each student was assigned a section of the charter to index, and, since no principles have been handed down from former workers, each is forced to proceed by

trial and error methods. The group was given six months to complete the work.

Those working on the project are Roger Sherman, Frank Espinosa, Ed Showalter, Sara Gilstrap, Larry DuVall, Virginia Ehrenman, Wayne McChesney, Gerald Sappington, Richard Sandy, Mike Roth, Woody Wilson, Bob Jackson, Pat Alexander, Cecilia Veatch, Mrs. Evelyn Neil, Wylene Waggener, Myrna Goode, Sarah Roland, Ruth McKenney, Herman Evans, Betty Jarvis, Marilyn Jarvis, Barbara Moore, Pat Deatherage, Gerald Pitts, Gene Osborn, David Wiswall, and Jack Day.

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Sara Gilstrap Gives Recital

A piano, oboe, and organ recital was given by Sara Anne Gilstrap, Sunday, April 25, at the First Methodist Church. Assisting her were Frances Cullers soprano, Cecilia Veatch, accompanist, and Shirley Nevitt, accompanist.

Highlighting the program was an oboe solo entitled "Concerto for Oboe in C Major". The program was received by a large, appreciative audience.

'Dollar For Sense' Grand Final

Noel Contestants



Joan Porterfield, Billie June Benedict, Arlene Roebuck, and Maxine Henderson, winner

Jasper Contestants



Charles Anderson, Mary Jo Rains, winner, Evelyn Holmes and Fern Stockey

Dramatic Awards To Be Presented

Mr. Robert Heater, speech director, has announced that a series of awards are to be presented each spring by the College Theater. The five awards will be presented for the outstanding male leading role, outstanding female leading role, outstanding male supporting role, outstanding female supporting role. The fifth award is to be presented to the person who has contributed the most to the dramatics department during the year.

The awards for the different roles will be determined by Mr. Heater, a faculty committee, and a board of judges, composed of patrons of the J.J.C. Theater. The fifth award will be determined by the play production class and Mr. Heater.

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Joplin Golfers Win Two Over Pittsburg

Joplin Junior College's golf squad won its fourth straight match Thursday, April 29, defeating the varsity squad from Pittsburg State College 9½ to 2½, in a match played on the Schifferdecker Municipal course.

Bill Fowks, of the Lions, captured medalist honors with a 37-36-73 over the par 35-36-71 course.

The Lions had beaten Pittsburg earlier in the week on the Gorilla's home course, 6½ to 5½. Fowks was also medalist in this match as he carded a 37-39-76.

Coach Dudley Stegge has announced that the state golf and tennis matches will be held in Joplin for the 1954-55 season.

Results of the matches with the Joplin players named first are as follows:

At Pittsburgh:	
Bishir,	41-41-82 (1½)
Brown,	38-44-82 (1½)
Fowks,	37-39-76 (2)
Bavuso,	48-38-81 (1)
Harvey,	46-46-92 (0)
Ferson,	42-41-84 (3)
Nealy,	41-44-85 (3)
Parkhurst,	43-45-88 (0)
At Joplin:	
Bishir,	37-41-78 (2)
Brown	39-40-79 (1)
Fowks,	37-36-73 (3)
Bavuso	44-42-86 (0)
Harvey,	39-44-83 (3)
Parkhurst	45-46-91 (0)
Nealy,	41-43-84 (1½)
Hays	41-43-84 (1½)

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Sport Shots

by Jack Brannan

Athletics at Joplin Junior College are finished for another year—and so is the school term, almost. Nothing is left to the sports department now but the memories, but it's these memories from the past season that make one or more events stand out above all others.

This year Joplin Juco produced a good football team to draw interest during the fall months and then came up with a red-hot basketball squad to keep things warm during the winter. These two teams, better than any of those here during the last few years, may not go down in the books as the greatest Juco squads in Joplin, but they provided the students with many thrills and are bound to be remembered.

A fan doesn't forget such things as that opening football game in September when the Lions whipped Oklahoma Military Academy, 12-6, at Claremore in sweltering 90-degree heat.... Or that 40-yard pass that Dick Humphrey flipped to Don Steele for the only touchdown in the 6-0 victory over Kemper at Booneville....

Or the terrific line play in the final seconds of the game that halted Pittsburg State Junior Gorillas on the Joplin two-yard line and preserved a 20-13 victory for the Lions.... The dazzling running of halfbacks Condia Ellison and Sammy Crampton in the 19-6 Homecoming win over the Kansas City Blue Devils....

Or the 35-foot field goal Humphrey netted at Moberly with only seconds left on the clock that gave the Lions a 56-55 decision and their first MPJCC victory.... And then that second game with Moberly on Joplin's home court when the Lions had to weather two five-minute overtime periods before gaining a 63-62 squeaker over the Greyhounds.... Or that 62-61 contest that Joplin won from a rough quintet of Miami Norsemen....

Then the regional tournament at Jefferson City in which the Lions advanced to the finals before being turned back, 67-59, by the Moberly Greyhounds who then went on to win the National championship.... And the selection of Eddie Nealy and Humphrey to the conference all-star team....

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Stegge's Experience on Forward Walls Should Pay Off Next Fall

"It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

That old adage must be the motto of Coach Dudley Stegge, head football coach and athletic director at Joplin Junior College. For the last two years, Stegge has piloted the Lions on the gridiron and only this year has the team come up with a good season. During his stay here, Stegge's squads have built a record of 5 wins and 10 losses but this year's edition came up with a 4-and-4 mark which was the best season record the Lions have had in four years.

Stegge came to Joplin Juco from Carl Junction High School where he was head coach in football, basketball and baseball from 1948 until 1952. During his time at Carl Junction, the Bulldogs went undefeated for two straight years in winning two Tri-County Conference football championships. Carl Junction also took two league baseball titles with Stegge at the helm.

After graduating from high school in 1941, Stegge went to Kansas State College at Manhattan where he played tackle on the first-string freshman team under Coach Hobbs Adams. In 1942 he transferred to Pittsburg State Teachers College and the following year played football on the V-12 navy team at Pittsburg.

Stegge was called to the navy

in 1944 and spent two years in service. After being discharged in 1946, he returned to Pittsburg and played for the Gorillas from 1946 until 1948. He was named to the C. I. C. conference all-star squad at tackle in 1947 and 1948.

In 1948, Stegge was graduated and received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physical education. Last summer he received his master's degree in education from the college.

During all of his playing days, Stegge worked next to his twin brother, Donald Stegge, who also played tackle and guard on the same side of the line as Dudley. Throughout high school and college these two identical twins must have been more than confusing to opposing linemen who could distinguish the two only by the numerals on their jerseys. Their coach must have had some confusing moments, also.

Stegge (Dudley, that is) and his wife, Mary Jean, now reside in Joplin. They have a 10-month-old daughter, Kathy.

With all but three of the regulars scheduled to return next year, Stegge hopes to improve even more on the Joplin Juco football squad next year. If he can come up with two good backfield men to replace the two he's losing, he and the Lions might have a great year.

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